

CANDIDATE'S VOW TO CLERGY

CONNELLY OF JERSEY CITY
PUTS HIS NAME UNDER IT.

Nineteen Preachers Have a Session With
Seeker After Job of Sheriff—Agreement
to Let Them Name His
Deputies Stricken Out of the Pledge.

Protestant clergymen and Warden Thomas P. Connelly of the Hudson county jail, who is running for Sheriff on the Republican ticket against James J. Kelly, ex-brewery collector, Bob Davis's Democratic candidate, had an interesting session in the chapel of the Emory Methodist Church, Bergen and Belmont avenues, Jersey City, yesterday afternoon. The preachers wanted to find out exactly what Connelly would promise to do if elected to office, and they got the assurance desired in the form of a pledge, with Connelly's autograph beneath.

None of the persons who have made various charges against the warden were present when the quizzing of the candidate began. Connelly had accepted an invitation to take a front seat. He had no political chaplain.

"I am kind of embarrassed," he said. "I am not accustomed to an assemblage of this kind. I mean to go to this work in earnest. If elected you will have a real live warden on your hands. If I am Sheriff I will enforce all laws, particularly the Bishop's bill. I want you to believe what I say."

"It has been said, Mr. Connelly," said the Rev. George G. Vogel, pastor of the Emory church, "that you once kept a saloon. Is it true?"

"I never kept a saloon in my life. The records will show that," replied the candidate.

"It has been said that you kept a gambling house."

"I never kept a gambling house."

"That you kept a place where women congregated."

"No, sir, never."

"If a man is caught lying before these ministers," said the Rev. John L. Scudder, pastor of the First Congregational Church, "that's the end of him."

"Yes," said Connelly, "that winds him up."

"While the lamp holds out to burn, the vilest sinner may return," spoke up the Rev. Cornelius Brett, pastor of the Bergen Reformed Church. "There has been a question, Mr. Connelly, about your political associates. Are your political associates in sympathy with you to the extent of the enforcement of the Bishop's excise law?"

"Yes, they are at my back," answered the candidate.

"Who are they?"

"Mr. Rotherham, the Republican leader."

"Will Mr. Verdon?" asked a minister.

"Yes, he's with me too," replied Connelly. "Then he added: 'If I'm elected I'll deliver the goods.'"

"William P. Verdon is the Republican organization leader in Hoboken. He keeps a liquor saloon at Fourteenth and Hudson streets."

Dr. Herr read a written pledge which Connelly had given to the ministers committee. It contained a provision that if he is elected he would promise to name any men for his under sheriff and first deputy sheriff whom the clergy of the county would pick out.

"I have never heard such an avowal from any man seeking office," said Dr. Brett.

The Rev. William E. Palmer, pastor of the Centenary Methodist Church, started the ministers by saying:

"I wouldn't sign a statement like Mr. Connelly's if I couldn't be elected pound-keeper. As a minister I don't want to have anything to do with any of the Sheriff's appointments. That is clearly overdoing the thing. I would like Mr. Connelly just as well if he would rebel against that. We would think just as much of him if he would back out now."

"The time has arrived when the ministers should have more backbone and gumption," said the Rev. Mr. Vogel. "Isn't it sufficient," asked the Rev. Mr. Henry, "for Mr. Connelly to simply say that he will enforce the law and leave out the provision pledging that the ministers can name his subordinates? It has been said that clergymen are not so well posted as other people in matters of this kind."

The Rev. Mr. Stoffel said that the candidate had been asked for that pledge as "a security of his good faith."

"We have had pledges from candidates before," he added, "and have been sold out. We are guarding now against being sold out."

The Rev. W. W. Walker, pastor of the Linden Methodist Church, said: "I believe the people of this county would out Mr. Connelly dead if they thought the ministers were going to appoint his deputies. I believe that clause would prove fatal to his success."

"I would like to ask Mr. Connelly as a politician," said Dr. Brett, "what he thinks about this clause."

"I think it is all right," answered the candidate.

"If Mr. Connelly thinks it won't lose him votes," said the Rev. Mr. Palmer, "then I don't think he is as good a politician as I believed him to be."

The Rev. Mr. Vogel finally moved to strike out the objectionable clause in Connelly's pledge to the dominion and all hands voted unanimously to endorse and support his candidacy without it.

The Republican candidate's pledge, as expurgated, is as follows:

To the Clergy and People of Hudson County: I pledge myself absolutely and without qualification that if I am chosen to be Sheriff of Hudson county I will administer the office and all its resources with the sole object of the enforcement of the law. I will devote all the means at my command to a vigorous and persistent watchfulness against all lawbreaking and I will faithfully use the power vested in me to apprehend and secure the punishment of all lawbreakers.

ROOSEVELT MAY YET STUMP.

WASHINGTON HEARS ANEW RUMORS THAT HE WILL SPEAK.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—Rumors that President Roosevelt may take the stump for Taft are not entirely without foundation. The possibility of such an event was admitted to-day by several persons closely identified with the Administration. The most significant statement came from a close adviser of the President, who said after persistent questioning:

"The President has no present intention of speaking from the platform in the campaign, but it would not be safe to predict that he will not. In the case of the President one never can tell. If he believes the exigencies of Mr. Taft's campaign require it he will take the stump."

From other sources almost as highly authoritative came the information that the President will be governed strictly by what he may regard as the necessities of the situation next month. Members of the Cabinet will not be surprised if Mr. Roosevelt decides to make a few speeches for Taft, and at least one of them will be surprised if he does not.

If Mr. Bryan decides not to write any more letters to the President on campaign subjects President Roosevelt will be disappointed, for he has said frequently since a week ago that he would welcome every opportunity to reply to the Democratic candidate.

It was said at the White House to-day that the President will make no reply to Chancellor Day's attack, published this morning. The subject of the letter was discussed informally at the Cabinet meeting to-day. Mr. Roosevelt professed to feel great satisfaction that such a staunch friend and defender of the Standard Oil Company should attack him, and by implication Secretary Root.

HURRICANE NEAR JAMAICA.

New Storm Causes Excitement at Kingston—Salvaged Schooner Brought In.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Sept. 29.—A hurricane is reported to be raging off the island. The report has created great excitement here.

The wrecking steamer Premier arrived here this morning, having in tow the American schooner Carrie A. Norton, which was picked up dismasted off one of the Bahama Islands. The schooner crew had to take refuge for eight days on Acklin Island. The schooner will be repaired here.

HAVANA, Sept. 29.—The Belen Observatory has issued a warning that a cyclone is approaching from the eastern part of Cuba. The center is now at Guantanamo. Its westward progress is slow because of the mountains.

MAY ARREST GAMBLERS.

Honest John Kelly and Lou Ludlum Are Suspects Once More.

A Tenderloin gambler or two may be arrested as a result of a newspaper's charge that there has been gambling in the Tenderloin without police interference. Assistant District Attorney Murphy examined the police reports yesterday and found that Honest John Kelly's house in Forty-first street had been carried as a suspected gambling house since the first of the year. The same report shows that Lou Ludlum's house, also in Forty-first street, was put on the police bench on August 31. The report says that Lou Ludlum's place was "added" to the list of suspected gambling houses on this date, although the house was raided a month or so before.

S. P. C. A. SUES EX-JUSTICE.

Bennet Van Syckel of New Jersey Accused of Killing Dog With Golf Club.

NEW BRUNSWICK, Sept. 29.—Ex-Justice Bennet Van Syckel of Trenton, who was on the New Jersey Supreme Court bench for fifteen years, has been served defendant in a suit brought by Mrs. Rachel A. Lynch in the name of the State S. P. C. A., of which she is president. Justice Van Syckel is charged with having cruelly and slowly beaten a dog to death with a golf club on the grounds of his summer residence at Mantoloking. The case is set for a hearing before Justice John Howard Jeffery in Trenton to-morrow.

Mrs. Lynch's action was taken at the instance of several summer residents of Mantoloking. According to the story told by these persons in letters to Mrs. Lynch, a puppy chancing to cross the lawn of the Van Syckel summer home was attacked by the Justice with a golf club, and that a large crowd was drawn to the scene by the dog's yelping and that women and children were greatly affected by the scene. It is charged that the dog died a slow and unnecessarily painful death.

The complaints to Mrs. Lynch were followed by an investigation, and on Thursday Justice Van Syckel was served with papers in the action. Mrs. Lynch says she will spare no effort or expense in prosecuting the case and will employ one or more Monmouth county lawyers to assist Counselor Halseed Wright of Mantoloking in handling the case.

It is understood that Justice Van Syckel does not deny killing the dog, but says that it snapped at him and he hit it to drive it on.

FARMER FIRES 40 MINUTES.

Covers 20 Miles in Triangles, But Too Late for Official Record.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.

PARIS, Sept. 29.—Henry Farman beat this evening all aeroplaning records except those made by the Wright brothers. The flight was made at Chalons.

Owing to the wind Farman was unable to begin before 5:38. As this was only a few minutes before sunset, the flight was not officially timed.

Keeping about twelve yards high, the aeroplane flew in a triangle, the sides of which measured three kilometres, covering the distance twelve times. This made a distance of over twenty miles, which was traversed in 40 minutes.

Wilbur Wright made no flight to-day. He took his motor to Le Mans for a thorough overhauling for to-morrow, which is the last day for any one to win the \$25,000 prize offered by the aviation committee.

MOGILEWSKY BANK STOPS

HEBREW PEDDLERS OF THE EAST SIDE ITS CUSTOMERS.

Petitioners in Bankruptcy Apprehended a Riot and an Attempt to Seize the Assets by Force, but There Were No Signs of Disturbance Last Night.

"Closed by order of the court" was the notice posted on the front door of Mogilewsky's bank after business hours yesterday. Mogilewsky's bank is at the corner of Grand and Suffolk streets, and did business chiefly with East Side Hebrews. The notice soon brought to the doors a number of depositors, but the disturbance apprehended by the petitioning creditors, who had had a receiver appointed, did not arise. Few of the depositors could read English and they caught younger Jews who could and had the notice read to them.

Some had checks in their hands and apparently had come to stay all night. When the reporters came around the crowd asked them all sorts of questions. One man had left notes in the bank for collection; would he get them back, or the money? One had bought steamship tickets, but had not taken them up; would the receiver give them to him?

Two concerns, one a corporation, did business under the Mogilewsky name, and petitions in bankruptcy against both were filed yesterday by S. I. Rosenblum for three creditors who had notes of the corporation indorsed by partners in the firm. These creditors are Meyer Mendelsohn, Joseph Weisberg and Edward Maas. The corporation is Mogilewsky & Werner, dealers in steamship tickets and foreign money, and the firm is Polowe, Mogilewsky & Werner, bankers, money brokers and ticket agents. The partners are Jennie Polowe, Pessie Rosie Mogilewsky and Hyman Werner.

The petitioners allege that both concerns are insolvent and that the partners have removed a large part of their property. Judge Holt of the United States District Court appointed Leo Oppenheimer receiver. He took possession late in the day and left a detective inside.

It was stated in the petition that the assets of the corporation are \$20,000, of which \$5,000 is in American and foreign money, and \$15,000 notes and real estate, and that the assets of the firm are \$15,000, consisting of money, \$5,000, and notes and real estate \$10,000. The petition also says that as hundreds of persons have deposited accounts these proceedings will cause excitement and commotion in the neighborhood and that it is necessary that a receiver be appointed forthwith to preserve the assets, for the petitioners believe "a panic will reign about the place of business and attempts be made to confiscate the assets by depositors, poorly all of whom are illiterate and foreigners."

Mr. Rosenblum said the total liabilities are over \$100,000, and the assets in actual value are estimated at \$35,000. The business was formerly very profitable, and Reuben Mogilewsky, who died about three years ago, was able to lose \$85,000 in Wall Street.

The business was started in 1897 by Adolph Polowe, Reuben Mogilewsky and Hyman Werner as a firm, and on the deaths of Messrs. Polowe and Mogilewsky their widows succeeded. On May 28, 1898, the corporation was formed with capital stock of \$30,000, with Mr. Werner as president and treasurer, Mrs. Mogilewsky vice-president and Mrs. Polowe secretary. The concern did a large business with East Side peddlers. It is said they own the bank property, valued at \$85,000 and mortgaged for \$60,000. The banking business of the firm and the other business of the corporation were kept separate on account of the banking laws.

A petition in bankruptcy has been filed against Domenico Netromelli, formerly a private banker and steamship ticket agent at 160 Mulberry street, who made an assignment in July and has gone back to Naples. Liabilities are \$8,250 and actual assets \$50.

A creditors' petition in bankruptcy has been filed against Edoardo Avalone, private banker and foreign exchange, 181 Bleecker street, who made an assignment on Monday. The petitioners say they have made diligent effort to find him, but that he has not been at his place of business for six days or his usual place of abode. He did business as the Banco di Cambio (Bank of Commerce) and began in July, 1904.

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SCHOOL FOR OFFICE BOYS.

Classes to Break Them In to Be Run by Children's Aid Society.

Classes for the training of 700 boys are to be established by the Children's Aid Society in the Sixth Street Industrial School. The neighborhood is one in which most of the boys look upon errand and office work as their natural entrance into business life.

"The first thing a boy will be taught in this class," Louis L. F. Downer, the society's superintendent of downer classes, said yesterday, "will be to do just what he is told to do. Then we shall give him instruction in copying letters doing up parcels, answering telephone calls and managing a telephone switchboard and keeping stamp and cash accounts. We shall give a course in the geography of New York city, including elevated, surface, subway and ferry routes and the location of important public and business buildings."

"Our boys will also be taught how to make a bank deposit, how to consult time tables, directories, &c. In short we hope to save employers a good deal of the mental anguish of 'breaking in' these very troublesome youngsters."

These classes will be conducted three evenings a week for a season of twenty-one weeks and will be open to as many boys of the neighborhood as the classrooms will accommodate.

COST \$11,063.88 TO RUN THIRD.

Poor Man Candidate for Senator in Wisconsin Files Account.

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 29.—It cost Francis E. McGovern \$11,063.88 to run for the Republican Senatorial nomination at the recent primary, and all but \$1,138.15, which was contributed, he says, by unknown friends, was borne by Mr. McGovern personally.

This is the first of the statements to be filed by the Senatorial candidates. Mr. McGovern conducted what he termed a "poor man's campaign." His three opponents were all millionaires. McGovern was third in the race.

ERRING WIFE A SUICIDE.

Shoots Herself When Husband Finds a Man in Her Room.

MILFORD, Del., Sept. 29.—Surprised in her room with another man by her husband early this morning Mrs. Vermadella Cirwiltchen shot and killed herself when ordered to leave the house.

She begged her husband not to drive her away, pleading for the sake of their seven-year-old daughter. The husband refused to listen, so she put on her clothes, stepped outside the house and shot herself.

When Cirwiltchen entered the room he drew his revolver and fired four times at his wife's companion. The man for whom the husband thought he had shot him. After the excitement attending Mrs. Cirwiltchen's death it was found that he had feigned death and had escaped in the confusion.

Mrs. Cirwiltchen was one of the most respected women in Milford. She was the daughter of Thomas McMichael, a rich man, and was considered one of the most beautiful women on the peninsula.

When she married William I. Cirwiltchen eight years ago hundreds of persons from the most prominent families in Delaware attended the wedding. Since then their married life has been supposed to be thoroughly exemplary and happy.

EARL HAS \$5,000 VOICE.

Shakespeare Declines His Offer to Sing in Concert in the United States.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.

LONDON, Sept. 29.—The Earl of Shaftesbury has declined an offer of \$5,000 weekly for a thirty weeks concert tour in America.

The Earl sang a solo recently in St. James's Church at Shaftesbury, on the occasion of the dedication of a new organ, thereby revealing to the public what his friends have long known, that he is the possessor of an exceptional tenor voice, which has been carefully trained.

A theatrical agent, impressed with the possibilities of the situation, secured a provisional contract with the William Morris company, American vaudeville agents, on the terms stated above and offered it to the Earl, who was assured that everything would be done to sustain his dignity and exalted rank.

After considering the offer the Earl politely refused to accept it.

Anthony Ashley-Cooper is the ninth Earl of Shaftesbury, and he is 59 years old. His title dates from 1673. He is besides Baron Ashley and a baronet. He is Deputy Lieutenant for the County Antrim, Ireland, and an Alderman of Belfast, having been Lord Mayor last year. He is besides Honorary Colonel of the Irish Imperial Yeomanry and Chamberlain to the Princess of Wales, and he was formerly a Captain in the Tenth Hussars.

His wife, whom he married in 1890, was Lady Constance Sibell Grosvenor. She is Lady of the Bedchamber to the Princess of Wales and is the daughter of the Earl of Grosvenor and granddaughter of the first Duke of Westminster. They have three children, one son and two daughters.

Lord Shaftesbury's seats are St. Giles's House, Salisbury, and The Castle, Belfast, Ireland. The family has been noted for literary and philanthropic work. The present Earl is active in business and politics. He is a member of the Congested Districts Board for Ireland.

390 SALOONS SHUT UP.

Result of Three Days Local Option Balloting in Ohio Counties.

COLUMBUS, Sept. 29.—Two hundred and eighty-nine saloons in Ohio were knocked out to-day in eleven county local option elections. This following the two elections yesterday in which fifty were put out of business is perhaps the most stunning blow the liquor interests have received in option elections.

Although it was expected the drys would win, probably their most ardent workers did not expect them to carry all the eleven elections held to-day. The majorities were overwhelming. Elections will be held within the next two weeks in fifteen other counties.

The results of to-day's elections follow:

County	Saloons	Knocked Out
Adams	1,498	36
Ashtabula	1,498	36
Cuyahoga	1,498	36
Franklin	1,498	36
Hamilton	1,498	36
Lawrence	1,498	36
Lorain	1,498	36
Madison	1,498	36
Meigs	1,498	36
Monroe	1,498	36
Portage	1,498	36
Stark	1,498	36
Summit	1,498	36
Tuscarawas	1,498	36
Warren	1,498	36
Wayne	1,498	36
Wood	1,498	36
Yates	1,498	36

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TAFT BY PHOTOGRAPH EVERY NEON.

William H. Taft Addressed Over 500 Persons at Yesterday's Meeting of the Commercial Travelers' Sound Money League at 37 Union Square.

He was not there in person but his voice was heard through a photograph. His words were heard distinctly by the whole audience when they were not drawn by applause. These canned speeches will be on tap every day at noon meetings of the league.

M'LAURIN AND STANDARD OIL

THE EX-SENATOR JUSTIFIES HIS APPEAL FOR SUPPORT.

Standard Oil: "The Most Progressively Administered and the Most-Intelligently Offered Corporation That Human Intelligence Has Yet Produced."

Ex-Senator McLaughlin, Democrat, of South Carolina sends this statement to THE SUN concerning a letter of his to John D. Archbold, dated May, 1902, in which he said that he could beat Tillman "if properly and generously supported."

An effort has been made to create a political sensation by the publication of certain correspondence between Mr. John D. Archbold, vice-president of the Standard Oil Company, and myself. For that correspondence I have no apologies to make. At the time the letters were written I had the honor to enjoy, and am proud still to possess, the friendship of Mr. Archbold, for whom I have the highest regard. At the time the letters were written I was engaged in a bitter struggle in which was involved not only my own political future but the economic and political principles for which I stood and which, stated briefly, meant the emancipation of the South from the ignorant prejudice of Bourbonism and the "bloody shirt" into the freedom of an enlightened self-interest and the progress of an intelligent industrialism.

In the support of these principles and the work of this progress I saw then no impropriety in enlisting, if practicable, the assistance of the most progressively administered and the most intelligently offered corporation that human intelligence has yet produced. Nor has the enormous body of statistics since created or the hypothetical affectation of morality assumed by some of our Legislatures and Congress in anywise changed my point of view or quickened my conscience of expediency, as seems to have been the case with some of my former colleagues and associates.

The constituencies that they represent do not hesitate to take Mr. Carnegie's trust produced and tariff protected money for their churches and libraries or to accept Mr. Rockefeller's largesse for the education of the negro whom they have disfranchised. If political campaigns are to be run without money and political progress is to be achieved without financial expenditure it is high time that both parties should be apprised of the arrival of that Utopian era, but until that period has arrived I can see no reason why I, when battling for what I conceived to be the right, should refuse to seek or decline to accept the support of either financial personal, of which I stood in need. Men may die, but right principles persist, and in the end they will triumph.

I believe that the South, and especially the State of South Carolina, is to-day throbbing in its natural progress and its intelligent exercise of the right of self-government by an oligarchy which keeps alive the prejudices of a past generation through the perpetuation of ignorance and the fertilization of corruption, and that the people of the South are entitled to the right of self-government. Men may die, but right principles persist, and in the end they will triumph.

It is the fashion of present day political hypocrisy to decry the corporation, to abhor the trust and to pretend in public life to proscribe the wealth and power in this country, and in this age of wealth, and must be the reward of intelligence. I am not willing to be considered among those cowardly enough to deny it the influence which intelligence has always exercised under every form of government and that I have had enough in my native State. I hope for, and shall continue to hope for, a government of intelligence.

JNO. LOWMEYER M'LAURIN.

STOLEN ARCHBOLD LETTERS.

John D. Archbold Gives a Skeleton History of the Theft and Some Sequels.

John D. Archbold sends the following statement to THE SUN:

"In response to many inquiries as to the theft of letters from my files, the following may be made known:

"Over three years ago a report reached me that certain of my letters had been offered for sale to newspapers of this city, and I at once made inquiry. Examination showed that some letters were missing and that they could only have been taken by some one not only familiar with the office details but highly trusted. The party on whom suspicion fell stoutly denied all guilt.

"A little later, however, a man who represented himself as acting between the thief and those to whom the letters had been sold proposed to return some of the letters for a consideration. His story was that the idea of the theft had been conceived by his brother, who had at one time been in the company's employ, and that his brother had induced the employee already suspected to accomplish the theft. According to the go-between's story, he had disposed of the letters, or some of them, to two men, who purchased them on behalf of Mr. Hearst's newspaper, the Journal.

"Not only had stolen letters been thus traded for but the thief was induced to carry off one or more letter copying books, many of whose pages he claims were photographed, other pages being removed altogether. The books in question were, the go-between said, returned after forty-eight hours. It is impossible to say how many letters were stolen and sold in this way. The thieves worked at their leisure, and it is not thought necessary to say more at present or to mention names. Corroboration of the go-between's story of three years ago lay in his return of some of the correspondence at the time. The production of stolen letters by Mr. Hearst is further corroboration now. Obviously, among such a coterie, authenticity of their output is not to be lightly accepted. The opportunities for falsification, suppression of context, distortion of passages are many.

JNO. D. ARCHBOLD.

"26 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.
"September 29, 1908."

INDIAN FLOODS KILL MANY.

18 Inches of Rain in 36 Hours—River Rises 60 Feet—Houses Swept Away.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.

BOMBAY, India, Sept. 29.—Unprecedented rains have caused disastrous floods in the Deccan. The river Musi, which flows into the Bay of Bengal, has risen thirty feet, all the bridges have collapsed and it is reported that thousands of native houses have been washed away. The loss of life has been heavy. Corpses are strewn everywhere. The native hospital at Hyderabad collapsed and the occupants were buried in the ruins.

Fifteen inches of rain fell in thirty-six hours.

STEAMER HUMBOLDT ASHORE.